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absolute or whether the assent would be still conditional upon the decision of the Government with regard to the form and manner of the payment of compensation and if so, whether the Madras Government will be pleased to take the House into confidence before they actually communicate their wishes to the Central Government? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" We have understood it as it is communicated to us. I do not think it is conditional. I would like to point out to the hon. Member, the words there are, ' the Government of India would like to be consulted before the rules are promulgated '."

MOHAMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR:—" Sir, if as suggested by the Governor-General, the recommendations are accepted by the Provincial Government, what will be the financial implications of this Act and whether there is an indication by the Central Government that payment should be made immediately to the zamindars? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" There is no more indication than what I have stated just now before the House."

Correspondence in regional languages.

* 1078 *Q.*—SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to extend the experiment of carrying on correspondence in certain districts in regional languages, to any other districts; and if so, when and to what districts?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier):—" The reports of the Collectors of Tiruchirappalli and East Godavari and the Heads of Departments on the results of the experiment of the scheme have been received and the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI A. VEDARATNAM PILLAI:—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have come across any difficulties in having correspondence in the regional languages in those districts where experiments are going on and if so, what steps the Government have taken to overcome those difficulties? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:—" It is not difficult. The Government have, however, consulted the Collectors whether they have experienced any difficulties in carrying on correspondence in the regional languages. We are awaiting their report."

MR. SPEAKER:—" There are 64 questions on to-day's agenda and I would like all of them to be answered."

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (a), (b) & (c) The relief shop run by a Harijan, Sri Kannan, was not transferred to Rev. Father Anthiah. Sri Kannan was allowed to continue as a relief shop dealer during the decontrol period. But, he was fined twice during that period for certain irregularities. He was therefore not selected as a ration shop-keeper when rural rationing was introduced this year. A ration shop was allotted to Rev. Father Anthiah as he was running the relief shop granted to him during decontrol period without any complaint and as he was the only genuine applicant for the shop.

" (d) The shop that is now being run by Rev. Father Anthiah is being run properly."

Action taken against the anti-Hindi movement in the Province.

* 1118 Q.—SRI A. SUBRAHMANYAM : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(a) the action taken by the Government against the anti-Hindi movement in the Province; and

(b) the number of persons arrested and convicted?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (a) The Government have not taken any special action against the movement as such. Persons who in furtherance of the movement violate the law of the land are dealt with according to law.

" (b) Five hundred and fifty-eight persons were arrested and three hundred and eighty-three persons were convicted in connexion with the Anti-Hindi Agitation up to the end of January 1949."

Woollen industry in the Province.

* 1119 Q.—SRI K. BOKKAI GOWDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state what steps the Government have so far taken to establish and develop woollen industry in this Province?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" The climatic conditions in this Province are such that there is no market for woollen goods locally except for cumblies and carpets. The raw materials available here are suitable only for manufacturing coarse varieties of woollen goods. The Government are encouraging co-operative societies of cumbly and carpet weavers."

Maternity centres in Ramnad district.

[* 1120 Q.—MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is not in his seat. The answer will be printed in the proceedings."]

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of maternity centres in Ramnad district; and